

We're glad you're getting this started. We'll do follow up

### Triangle Lake pesticide exposure study / EPA & ATSDR support

EPA recognizes the Oregon state agencies' study as the first step to establish a baseline in the exposure study. The current study is designed to look at pre- herbicide application exposure.

EPA continues to support the State's study as well as evaluate additional studies that EPA and ATSDR may conduct independently.

EPA is currently supporting Oregon's assessment by consulting on the study design, and by collecting the drinking water and vegetation samples.

EPA has met with ATSDR and we concurred that a more comprehensive study which evaluates chronic and acute exposures is needed.

EPA is planning to sample additional environmental media, specifically air, soil, and surface water, both during and following herbicide applications. This is critical to understanding potential exposure pathways.

ATSDR is planning to collect pre- and post-application biomonitoring data and perhaps conduct an epidemiological study.

#### For the narrative:

When did EPA learn about this issue?

When did the petition go to LPJ?

When and how did ATSDR get involved

When did EPA do a site tour?

When did PARC agree to lead the study?

background & history  
assess. need for air-water exposure  
pathways at end of spray season  
need cooperation of community  
to understand

Study area – map

What are known health effects of herbicide exposure?

What are the roles of each of the agencies?

What does the study look like?

Per conversation with Elizabeth I'll pull together a short fact sheet that could go to the community - under the EPA & ATSDR seals? I think it should have a brief history and timeline, a nice bit about how EPA and ATSDR are working in cooperation with the state agencies, contact information for EPA and ATSDR (and the state people?), and some "what you can do" bullets.

Do you think it should include a statement about EPA/ATSDR's review of the state's response to community complaints over the past 7 years?

Elizabeth, is this correct for the bit we just talked about on the phone - it would go after a description of the state's study design?:

"If PARC should determine that no further investigation is required after this preliminary exposure study, EPA and ATSDR would continue to examine exposure pathways independent of the State of Oregon."

## Communication Strategy

- ① we recognize there may be a need
  - ② we'll assess the need for further study  
- including =
- Scott & Sheila = message w/ Michelle & Dennis